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Best Accommodation for Visitors.

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CROMWELL.

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The BILLIARD SALOON (the largest in the district) is provided with one of Alcock's Tables.

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Begs to announce to the inhabitants of CROMWELL and the surrounding Districts that he is about to start in the above business near the Bridge Hotel; and trusts, by strict attention to business, coupled with moderate charges, to secure a share of the work of the district.

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A large and varied assortment of

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Goods delivered in all parts of the district, free of charge.

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A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,
With one of Alcock's best Tables.

Coaches leave for Queenstown and Arrow every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9 a.m.; for Clyde every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.; and for Cardrona and Albertown every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

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Consisting of

Wines and Spirits, Groceries, Drapery,

Bacon, &c. &c.,

of the best qualities; and trusts, by strict attention to business, and moderate prices, to merit a share of public patronage.

CROMWELL.



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JAMES DAWKINS, PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

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DR. JAMES CORSE,

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CROMWELL.

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AND AT BENDIGO GULLY.

Cunnard's Line of People's Coaches.



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LOGANTOWN, BENDIGO GULLY REEFS,

AND

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JOHN CUNNARD

Begs to announce that he is now running a

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LOGANTOWN AND CROMWELL,

Leaving Logantown

EVERY MORNING, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK;

Returning from Goodger's Junction Hotel

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Each way 10s.

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as our only Agents for the sale of our Silk-dressed FLOUR, BRAN, and POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our name and obtained through the above agents.

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN,

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NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

WE have just added to our already large

Stock, a splendid assortment of

COLONIAL CLOTHING.

Made expressly to our order.

ALSO,

LADIES' DRAPERY,

of all kinds, carefully selected by our Melbourne

Firm.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

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&c. &c.

Cromwell, Dec. 20.

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GENERAL IMPORTERS,

Melbourne, Queenstown, Arrowtown, & Cromwell.

We have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants of CROMWELL and surrounding districts to our

Large and well-selected Stock,

Which is specially suitable to supply their wants. Each Department will be found complete, and assorted with every requirement.

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Men's and Boys' Clothing—Carpets—Tents

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Produce, consisting of Wakatipu Flour, Bran, Pollard, Oats, Chaff, &c.

A Tale of the Indian Mutiny.

(Cassell's Magazine.)

MORE than once there was a stifled sob or half-uttered cry, choked back by hand or handkerchief; but all present knew well the necessity for utter silence, as now plainly heard overhead came the tramping of feet and the loud talking of a large body of men, amongst whom I could plainly distinguish Lardy, whose voice was harsh and peculiar.

What was being said I could not tell, but with my mind full of suspicious thoughts, I stood there at the entrance well armed, feeling that those would be brave men who would dare to attack me in the dark place, where it would be only over the bodies of several of their party that the mutineers would arrive at their prey. Then my arm would sink almost unnerved by my side, as I could plainly distinguish in that utter-darkness how first one and then another of the women was sobbing hysterically, while the more strongly-nerved tried to hush and comfort, and, to some extent, smother the cries.

At times it seemed impossible that we could avoid being heard, for at one time there were footsteps passing and re-passing above our heads, the boards cracking beneath the weight; and the voices of those engaged in plundering the various rooms could be plainly heard shouting to one another as they tore out something which pleased their fancy.

Time went on, and though more than once my heart had leaped as I fancied I heard steps in the adjoining cellar, we were as yet undiscovered. More than once there was quite a quarrel over our heads, and shots were fired. Then there was the heavy fall of a body, and from the lips of our elder sister quite a loud ejaculation of dread escaped, sending a shudder through me as I listened and waited for some movement following the cry, which must have been heard.

Again came a noisy dispute, and Lardy's voice loud above the others, when they seemed to follow him out into the back part of the house, and we crouched there waiting to learn our fate.

I thought at first that the slain man whose fall we had heard might be our servant, but his voice undeceived me directly; and could we have felt confidence in his truth, we should not have been quite without hope of escape.

But where were the rebels now? and what could they be doing? Judging as well as I could, it seemed they had followed Lardy out to see something. Perhaps he was going to set them off upon a false trail. My plan was undoubtedly good to make them believe we had departed in haste, but it did not seem likely that they would leave the station without well searching the place; and though I had fancied I had heard steps in the passage leading down into the cellars, I could not be sure.

But there was no longer any room for doubt. I had not heard steps before, but now they were coming plainly enough—a rush of fiends headed by Lardy, whom I heard plainly enough directing the blood-thirsty wretches.

"This way, this way," I heard him exclaim; and with a curse upon his treacherous head, and another upon my own folly in trusting him, I pressed those under my charge back into the furthest angle of the cellar, and strode forward to the entrance, ready to fight to the last, for I told myself I could do no more: heaven must befriend the helpless when I fell.

But, in spite of the frailty of the bricked-up door, mine was a strong citadel, and, always allowing that they did not call in the aid of fire, I did not quite despair of beating back my foes, for I had a good supply of ammunition, a rifle, a double gun, and a couple of revolvers, all ready loaded, and, well sheltered myself, I felt sure of doing terrible mischief to the crowds of miscreants now hurrying down.

"If the first bullet would only strike down that treacherous wretch," I thought, as I cocked my pieces, laying them ready to hand, and then stood awaiting the result.

I was some paces back in the cellar, so as to be clear of the falling bricks, which I momentarily expected to hear crumble down, and with strained eyes trying to pierce the black darkness, I tried to make out the outlines of the brickwork. The voices seemed painfully near, and once I was nearly pulling the trigger, and firing through the opening I expected to see crowded with dusky faces; but no bricks fell, and my pent-up breath was allowed to pass out almost like a groan, as the ending of this visit to the cellar was ex-

plained by the loud clinking of bottles, and the hurrying to and fro of feet.

Lardy, then, was true, and this then was a ruse—a bold one, but not likely to prove unsuccessful; for, by leading the sepoys down into the cellar, all suspicion would be disarmed, and at the cost only of my brother's poor little stock of wine.

I even ventured upon a reassuring whisper to the trembling women, although the voices sounded so plainly through the ill-fitting brickwork that it was terrible to have almost certain death so near. Now there came the sound of contention—there was a scuffle and a blow against the brickwork that made some of the wet mortar fall inside with a wet "pat." Then came curses in Hindostanee, and the smashing of bottles, and all sounding as if within the cellar where I stood trembling—I am not ashamed to own it—trembling horribly, my hands shaking so that they could hardly steady the pistols; but my heart was firm, and I was ready to hold that narrow way till some bullet or bayonet laid me low.

I was hopeful that if it came to a struggle I might beat the enemy off for a time, so as to be able to re-charge my weapons; for there, in utter darkness, where we hid, it would have been useless to expect the women to load pistol or gun; and, after all, with fifteen barrels to discharge, I had not so bad a reception for our cruel foes.

But the noise had ceased in the next cellar; voices were there, but without contention, and it was evident that the sepoys were collecting in the room overhead for the purpose of having a carouse. And now it was that I had to give a whispered warning or two to my charge, who seemed as if under the impression that the danger was past, although only averted for a time, since a careful search of the place must certainly discover our whereabouts. I could hear plainly whispers and replies, and then it was that not merely the icy sweat of horror broke out upon me, but there came a strange lifting sensation amongst the roots of my hair, as one, till now almost forgotten, could be heard beginning in faint, smothered, querulous tones trying to assert its presence, and in the dread of the moment I let one of my pistols fall amongst the sawdust at my feet.

What was to be done? Six lives, besides its own little spark, depending wholly upon its voice; but one sharp, unchecked cry, and the bloodthirsty pack would be upon us with all the horrors they had perpetrated in so many peaceful homes. What was to be done? The question seemed to be hissing in my ears, and the hell-inspired answer bounded into my heart.

What was its life that it was to be of more value than the honour and lives of five women? And my life was nothing then, but I seemed to be called upon to act as judge, give judgment, nay, to act as executioner. Who were to live? were they—the five women mutely appealing to me for protection—or that tiny one, whose span of life was but a month in length, and would, I knew from dread experience, be but some few minutes longer if the butchers came upon us? Its mother, I could hear, was trying all she could, and those around her were piling blankets, bedding, everything they could catch up, upon her head, suffocating her almost, but in vain; for still came the faint, querulous cry, increasing momentarily in power, while still hissed in my ears came the question, "What must be done?"

If I could have died then, if insensibility would have come upon me, or if I could have plunged into the excitement of a fight, I could have borne it; but to crouch there, with the voices of a fierce horde of wretches famous for their cruelty close at hand, five helpless women, almost girls, in my charge, and that infant's cry struggling almost fiercely to be heard, it was horrible; and in the whirl of dread thoughts that came upon me, I wonder that I did not lose my reason.

Louder, louder, louder, I could hear the little voice rising, half stifled from beneath the coverings, and every effort made by its mother seemed to make the cries more shrill. I could not bear it; the thought was awful, unnatural, cruel to a degree; but reason seemed to say, "Are a few minutes of that frail life to be balanced against the honour and lives of five helpless women?"

I was blind and mad with horror, as, thrusting my revolvers aside, I crept hastily towards the spot from whence the muffled cries arose, when, as I fiercely laid my hand upon the woollen coverlet, I felt it grasped, and another hand thrust me back, just as a loud wail arose; and then there was an awful silence, as if that wail

had been suddenly checked. I could hear a faint struggling, a gasp or two, and then, as the noise grew more boisterous overhead, I crawled back to where I had laid my pistols, cold, palsied, unnerved, and stooped crouching to the earth, with one hand to my wet forehead, to feel if the cursed mark that branded the brow of Cain was not already there.

Time passed on with a dread and awful silence in that dark, suffocating vault; but it might have been hours, days, or years—I could not tell. Voices could be heard above, but they seemed nothing to me; my ears seemed to be filled with that one muffled wail, and again and again I seemed to hear it checked suddenly, and all to become silent as the grave. To me the vault seemed now peopled with horrors, its black darkness rife with moving figures; incipient madness had me in its clutches, and I would have given my life a dozen times over to have heard that infant cry again.

Murderer? No; I was no murderer. I had not touched the tiny throat; but whose, then, had been the cruel hand to stifle its cries? Had my fiend-begotten thought inspired its mother's heart? It was awful, dread, maddening; and I grovelled there upon the ground in my anguish. Voices whispered to me, hands were laid upon mine, upon my face, but in vain. I believe that I did not even give a sign that I was aware of there being anyone present till hours after, when suddenly there was a shout in the outer cellar, the wall was kicked down, and Lardy—poor, faithful, old Lardy—forced his way in, crying, laughing, hugging first one and then another, as he dragged at us to get us out of the living tomb where we had lain. I followed the poor fellow mechanically, and staggered about like a drunken man as I reached the light, leaning heavily upon the arms that then supported me up the stairs, and into the hall, where I fell into a chair, and buried my face in my hands.

The next moment the women were on their knees by my side, kissing my hands, whispering their thanks, while I—shrank from them, till, maddened almost with the thoughts within my breast, I started up and was hurrying away, when, gazing wildly at my brother's wife, a swimming came over my brain, and I fell heavily upon the floor.

"I thought I should have died, Charley," my sister whispered, as, completely unnerved, I lay upon the tattered sofa in our ruined room; "but God must have heard my cry for help in our sore distress, and the little thing stopped as if by a miracle, sleeping afterwards for what must have been hours, as peacefully and calmly as if the angels watched its slumbers—sleeping till those wretches were gone, and poor old Lardy came shouting down that we were safe, and had nothing to fear."

I made an effort and rose, but tottered in my steps as I followed old Lardy out into the yard behind the house, for he said he had something to show me, and I was too grateful to him not to follow.

"So you made them believe that we had gone, Lardy?" I said, faintly.

"Villains! no, Sahib. Drink all de wine, take de plate, smash a looking-glass, do ebbery mischief, but wouldn't believe you all gone, Sahib."

"Then how did you get them away?" I said.

"Say I killed you all, like good 'Hommetan,' said Lardy, proudly; and, leading me to the well, he uncovered it to show me—ghastly sight!—five bodies lying at the bottom, half covered by the water, while one, evidently just cast down, hung half-way across a beam, which stretched from side to side of the well.

"Pitch him down just now, Sahib," explained Lardy. "Rintee Kee shoot um 'cause get too much share silver spoon."

"But who are those others?" I asked.

"Dem poor Doctor Richard, wife, and two servants. I fetch across and put 'em down there, take four night; and when mutineer come, I show 'em, and say I killed you all, and dey say I good fellow, and rajah, and dance round me. And dat why no let you drink a water."

We had no further visit from the mutineers, and before I left the station there was a neat stone erected over the filled-in well to the memory of our poor murdered neighbours; but though the sisters married happily and settled in Delhi, I never felt at rest till once more at home in the old country. And as I gaze upon the sturdy Eton boy sent over to be educated under his uncle's eye, the thoughts come back of that awful time in the vault, and but for a strong effort, over my head, I should be quite un-

A Modern Spanish Bull-Fight.

The following excellent description of a modern Spanish bull-fight is from a correspondent of the *Pull Mall Gazette*:—

We were excellently placed, in a box on the shady side, not far from that of the president. The "house" was pretty well filled before we arrived, so we emerged from the comparative darkness of the corridor upon the exhilarating sight of many thousands of men and women, row above row, under a sky of the most delicate blue, and all irradiated by the declining afternoon sun. This is a famous effect—quite "classical," the descriptive gentlemen say, and certainly very impressive, whether or not. The crowds, however, are not picturesque now-a-days, when Spanish men and Spanish women dress as they might do in Tottenham-court-road. So, while the shock of the numbers maintained a certain elevation in one's spirits, a longer and closer gaze gradually reduced the sensation to prose—strong prose, for a mass of persons is always an emotional sight, but still something short of poetry. The bulk of spectators, there was no denying, had a counter-jumper look, and behaved exceedingly like our honest British counter-jumpers when out upon "a spree." They yelled, they pelted each other with orange peel (the living tree is "romantic," but I think the peel is much the same everywhere!) and with dirty white powder. Some "ladies" of a pretty extensive range of personal acquaintance who entered a box were pretty freely "chaffed," but it glanced harmlessly off their paint, when it was not parried by their fans. However, though there were far more male than female lookers-on, there was no lack of decent bourgeois, in lace veils or modish bonnets, who had come to see the performance.

Everybody knows that there is a procession, and how the president flings down the key of the toril, and so forth. It was lucky that I had not expected to see a bull fight of the "Childe Harold" type, when—

"Hushed is the din of tongues: on gallant steeds,
With milk-white crest, golden spur, and light-poised lance,

Four cavaliers prepared for venturesome deeds"—for the unlucky "steeds" were dismal screws blindfolded, being bought cheap on purpose to be killed. The "cavaliers" were stout fellows, amply protected by iron, wearing leggings lined with thick paper, and armed with heavy oaken lances, fifteen feet long, with a strong, keen point. When these had taken their places, with the capeadores, or cloakmen, ready in the ring to help them, the door of the chiquero—just opposite me—was opened, and out came "Bull No. 1." If a bull is too fierce now-a-days, he is "got at," like a Derby favourite, and slyly damaged. But in nine cases out of ten, an Englishman would be disappointed in the wildness of the bull.

He comes on the arena with a puzzled look, and takes no action until he has been teased a little. One light-footed capeadore trails a cloak for him, and as he runs at it another lures him away, and so on. But he is sure to go at the picador before long, and then heaven help—the unlucky screw! I suppose picadors do wonderful things sometimes, but what I saw myself—the regular and average performance—was their judiciously exposing the screw to the bull's horns. They prodded the bull meanwhile on the shoulders, and he was soon smeared with blood. But the real "fun" of the fight evidently began with the goring of the first horse. The mere weight of the bull insures that, and we soon saw a horse and man go over before one charge. Then came more cloak-play, and another horse gored; and the inevitable details followed. These ought to be mentioned, because they are of the essence of the "sport"—not ugly accidents of it, but necessary accompaniments. That is to say— * * * To borrow Homer's language, "the guts gushed groundward."

When the horse, even in this plight, could keep his legs, he was expected to go on performing, while his entrails trailed like a bunch of ribbons. If he fell, he lay, whether dead or half-dead, until the bull was killed. Sometimes an exhausted bull fell upon him as he lay dying, and gored him again. I noticed that this incident was always thought amusing, and I overheard a respectable-looking old Spaniard behind me say to his friend that the bull was taking a "revista"—meaning that he was revising and improving the first edition of his work! The respectable bourgeois were no more shocked than their English

It was all the same whether the horse was beaten when he fell, or whether he had strength enough to rise—whether he lay kicking in his own blood on the sand; was cantered about, streaky with gore, or was brought in to be used again, after having had his skin stitched.

It is to be observed, then, that in these so-called "fights" the torture and death of the horses is as much a part of the show as the killing of the bull. They are not wounded and slain, according to the fortune of the fight, as in real war; nor does any skill of the picadors affect their destiny. People come to see them butchered as a part of the pleasure; and if a fair proportion of them is not butchered, the spectators howl for more. Our third bull, on the day in question—a black one—had shown more than ordinary vivacity, and the supply of horses had run short. Soon a steady roar for caballos arose from the crowd, and thousands of voices were directed to the box of the president. Fellows jumped up on the stone seats of the tentido, and yelled furiously at that officer. Their shout—"Senor Presidente, no lo entiendo usted!" (Mr President, you do not understand it!)—became a song; and the words "Presidente . . . no lo entiendo" rose and fell regularly; while the singers gesticulated with their arms, danced on the seats, and foamed at the mouth. Presently the chief espana—Gordito it was—appeared in front of the box, cap in hand; some arrangements were made, and other caballos appeared. On these occasions, those who have the management of a bull-fight may seize the first horses they find in the neighbourhood—paying for them—whether their owners say yea or nay. This license prevails all through the show. For instance, at the show of which I am speaking, a Spanish sailor, whenever the performance grew slack, sprang on his seat and danced the cancan with a brutality of suggestive gesture wholly indescribable. The vast space, I need not say, rang with applause and laughter.

The prettiest, indeed the only artistically graceful part of the bull-fight I found to be the cloak-play. Some of the manoeuvres of the capeadores as they flared the colour in the face of the bull, and skimmed away from him, had the ease of the best dancing. It was, pretty, too, to see Gordito seat himself, as he once did, in the centre of the arena on a chair, and elude the bull's direct charge at him. He is a stout fellow (thence his name), and looked like a well-fed London footman in full dress, with the addition of a fancy jacket; but no dancing-girl ever turned so nimbly as he did at the critical moment. So, too, the light-footed, clean-limbed banderillos dancing up to plant the coloured darts into the wearied but still savage beast presented gleams of brilliance that threw over the scene an air of art.

But then these features of the business are scanty, whereas the carnage and the brutality are long, tedious, and altogether predominant. This is the answer to those who dwell on the "effects," which are the occasional, to the exclusion of the stupid cruelty which is the essential and permanent distinction of the bull-fight. Thus, how often have we heard of the espada in his final duel with the bull (the last act of the drama) destroying him with one subtle thrust in a vital part? Your descriptive gentleman dwells on this feat, but he does not say how often it is achieved—say in a whole summer's bull-fights throughout Spain. I may have been exceptionally unlucky, but not one of the six bulls that I saw die (I did not wait to see the catastrophe of the seventh) was killed by any such legendarian of butchery; they were stabbed, ineffectually, over and over again, the sword being left sticking in the animals as they got away at intervals. Finally, overpowered by long torture, and driven round the inside of the barriers, they sank by degrees, and were put an end to with downright poniard stabs (punaldas). The result would have been arrived at as well, only more mercifully, at Smithfield.

I will not make a sermon upon my story—the story is the sermon. It may be true, as Ford seems to think, that the Spaniards are cruel, independent of this amusement, which is an effect, not a cause. But, at least, its continuance is a perpetual stimulus to their cruelty, and one cause more for their sad backwardness in all the elements of high civilisation.

In the largest Episcopal church in Mobile, after a contribution is taken up, it is ceremoniously lauded to the pastor, who all who have contributed to rise, who

Australian News.

VICTORIA.

A parcel of 161 diamonds, from Two-mile Flat, near Mudgee, was received by Messrs Wm. Clarke and Sons, on the 31st, the aggregate weight being 38½ carats. By the same opportunity the Australian Diamond Mines Company received fifty-nine diamonds.

A frightful accident occurred at East Collingwood on Wednesday morning, 29th ult., in which Mr William Downie, grocer, aged 38 years, lost his life, through the explosion of a tin of kerosene, whilst endeavouring to extinguish a fire on his premises.

The 18th Regiment will be stationed in the Australian colonies. The headquarters and band will be in Sydney, and two companies will occupy the Victoria barracks in Melbourne. The 14th Regiment will proceed home as soon as transport can be obtained for conveyance.

Considerable damage has been done to the wheat crop in some of the country districts by the late hot winds. The Drysdale correspondent of the *Geelong Advertiser* writes:—Where there was every prospect of a good yield, there will be hardly sufficient to pay expenses, through the premature ripening of the grain. Some of it in fact the farmers have determined not to cut at all, as it will not pay even that expense.

The announcement made as to the death of Captain Norman was premature. When the mail left England he was in a very critical state, but hopes were entertained of his ultimate recovery.

The *Hamilton Spectator* mentions that this Christmas the Rev. Father Farrelly joined in the holy bonds of matrimony a man and woman, whose united ages were 150 years, the female being about ten years the senior.

The wife of Mr A. Nicholl, of the firm of Nicholl and Wallace, Clunes, committed self-destruction on Tuesday, 29th, by cutting her throat. The unfortunate lady had been deranged since her confinement, which occurred a few weeks since, and, although almost constantly attended, seized an opportunity to consummate her death as above.

The Rev. A. M. Ramsay, for twenty-four years minister of the Presbyterian congregation now worshipping in St. Enoch's Church, Collins-street, expired suddenly and unexpectedly on the 1st inst. Mr Ramsay was in his sixty-first year, and was for many years minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Hawick, in the south of Scotland, and arrived in the colony in the beginning of January, 1847—thus being the oldest resident Presbyterian clergyman in Melbourne.

The remains of a human being were found in the trunk of a tree about three-quarters of a mile from old Carnham township on the 31st ult. It was thought that the bones had been deposited in the tree eight or nine years ago. There were also along with them some rags of a woollen comforter and a file. It seems that the tree in which they were found stood adjacent to a track used in former times by drivers of cattle from the Western district. At the coroner's inquest, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the bones were those of a human being, but that there was no evidence to show by what means they were placed where found.

A Chinaman, named Matthew Ah Kew, was arrested in Ballarat, on the 20th, on a charge of stabbing one Joseph White, an old man. White is the father of two young girls, who were about two months ago arrested in the Chinese camp. It appears that John has still been paying his attention to the girl. They fell out, and he struck her. She told her father, and he went to the Chinaman's house. A quarrel ensued, blows were given on both sides, and at last Ah Kew stabbed White in the head and face with a small knife. He was soon arrested, and, when in the lock-up, attempted to commit suicide. A noise in the cell attracted the attention of the constable on guard, and, when the door was opened, John was found suspended by the neck to the iron grating above the cell door. He had carefully fastened a crimson sash round his neck, and when discovered was not far from death's door.

St. Arnaud (Victoria) was visited with myriads of grasshoppers a few weeks since. According to the local paper, they came from the north, and swept through the streets in perfect hordes. The stations in the district suffered materially from these pests, which are very destructive to the grass. On some of the stations they were so thick and large that they completely mowed the grass down in their march.

At the athletic sports held at Ballarat on the 30th, one of the principal events was the 600 yards steeplechase, between Fox and Don, for a trophy, value £100. The winner was Fox, who from the first got the best of the start and inside running, and kept a short lead of Don, always keeping his eye on his opponent, and exercising a good deal of judgment. The water-jump decided the race. Fox went considerably further into the water than his opponent, and came out with such a start as to leave little chance for Don. Both men, notwithstanding, kept well on to the finish, and Fox won by about ten yards. Time, 1 min. 38 secs.

A project is on foot for rebuilding St. Peter's Church, on the Eastern Hill. It is estimated that the new structure will cost £12,000.

Mr Walter Montgomery has sailed for California.

Draper has been committed for trial on two fresh charges. He was unable to find bail.

An investigation into the management of the Nelson training ship is going on. Two schoolmasters, Roger and Parnell, are accused by Captain Paine of beating the boys with undue severity.

Mills's timber yard and sawing mills, and Solomon's stores, Flinders-street west, were destroyed by fire on Thursday night, the 6th inst.

The English pedestrians ran some matches on the cricket ground on Saturday, and were in every instance beaten by the colonial runners.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

A company has been formed for the purpose of opening up the mail route via California and the Pacific Railroad. They intend making a beginning in March on a small scale, and have chartered two of the A.S.N. Company's steamers, which they will run from Sydney to San Francisco, calling at Auckland, Tahiti, and Honolulu.

Salisbury, the proprietor of the *Police News*, and a man named Greig have been remanded on a charge of defrauding the English and Scottish bank of £400. Greig has been arrested at Goulburn. The bulk of the cash has been recovered.

On the 2nd, a man named Graham, while attempting to beat his wife, tripped and fell down dead.

Final arrangements have been completed to establish a line of steamers running between Sydney and San Francisco, calling at New Zealand. The *Rangitira* and *Balclutha* have been chartered. The *Rangitira* will open the line, by sailing from Sydney on the 1st of March. Mr H. H. Hall, U.S. Consul, is agent for the Company. The Californian mail route is likely to receive a small subsidy from the Government.

Defalcations have been discovered in the Sydney Corporation accounts.

QUEENSLAND.

The blackfellow who committed the rape upon the little girl named Henrietta Reiss, at Bodamba Creek, near Franklin Vale, about a week since, which has resulted in the death of the child, was captured by Sergeant Devine and Constable Waldron, of Leyburn, after a hot pursuit of over 100 miles. The blackfellow made a desperate effort to escape, but, being at length overcome by the determined efforts of his pursuers, he was taken after a brief show of resistance, and, after he had been ironed, was conveyed to Toowoomba.

Patrick Hann's body has been found in the Brisbane river, with a heavy iron bar tied to his neck.

Three hundred pounds reward has been offered for the apprehension of the murderer.

Californian Method of Amalgamating Gold.

Much of the gold is caught or amalgamated in the battery. The stamps fall into an iron box or mortar, into which an ounce of quicksilver is thrown for every ounce of gold supposed to be in the quartz. If the rock is crushed fine in the battery, two-thirds or three-fourths of the gold may be caught there, leaving one-third or one-fourth that escapes through the screen. After leaving the battery, the pulverized quartz in most mills runs down over copper plate which has been washed over with diluted nitric acid, and then rubbed with quicksilver till the whole surface is covered with amalgam, and when the plate is covered with gold it operates more effectually than when the quicksilver is fresh. Gold unites more readily with gold amalgam than with pure quicksilver. The copper plate which is the bottom of a trough or sluice, may be fifty or a hundred feet long.

Between the copper plates in many mills are troughs, in the bottom of which are laid coarse blankets, or gunny bag, or even cowhide with the hair on, and the grain against the stream. Gold amalgam and sulphurets are caught in the rough surface of the blanket, gunny bag, or hide, which must be taken up and washed at intervals, which are usually not more than half-an-hour long. The shaking-table used in amalgamation is a long box with traverse divisions containing quicksilver. It is set horizontally, and is shaken longitudinally, receiving from 100 to 200 short jerks in a minute. By these jerks the pulp is thrown back upon the quicksilver.

Pans are coming into use slowly in the gold quartz mills—at least in some of the new ones lately erected in Grass Valley. Rustel says of pan amalgamation that it is "at present the most perfect gold manipulation," and by it "gold is extracted as close as 95 per cent. of the fine assay"—that is if there are no sulphurets. (Nevada and California processes.) The general opinion is that from 20 to 40 per cent. of the gold is lost in the ordinary processes.

A miner named James Rooke was killed in a fight at Redman's in the Totara district, on Christmas Eve.

Treatment of Tailings.

(Times & Thames Miners' Advocate, Jan. 5.)

It is a well-known fact that the pyrites found in quartz-rocks contain a large percentage of gold, and especially such as are found in the quartz lodes on the Thames. There have been a great many plans tried for separating the pyrites from the tailings, so as to subject them to a process for driving off the other minerals they contain along with the gold. We have several times been shown, by the battery managers on the field, pyrites which have been treated in different ways, and from which a payable quantity of gold has been obtained. One great point to be gained was the separating of the pyrites from the tailings at a cheap rate, which would be going on at the same time that the quartz was passing through the battery, so that only the portion of the tailings required would be kept, and the refuse part allowed to run away, without the necessity of shifting and stacking it. The manager of the Una Company has arranged a plan to attain this object, by placing two long ripple boxes, over which the tailings have to pass, as they come from the battery. The boxes are 65ft in length, with a fall of one foot in twelve, in which the ripples are placed. These ripples are the usual ones put in sluice-boxes for saving alluvial gold, and are about 2½ inches in depth, in sections, so that they can be taken out with ease, and the boxes cleaned. In the ripples the pyrites will be collected, and the lighter portions will be carried away by the water. It is the intention of the company to erect a large calcining furnace in connection with the battery, so that the pyrites can be treated as soon as they are taken from the boxes. From some pyrites washed from stone crushed out of the company's mine, a very payable return of gold has been obtained, which has given the manager confidence in the success of his experiment. We sincerely wish such may be the case, and that it may be the means of saving a large quantity of gold at present being lost on this field.

An Awkward Incident.

There was a fashionable wedding recently celebrated in New Orleans. The bride was pretty, as all newly-married ladies are, and the groom was the glass of fashion and the mould of form. A number of invited guests lent grace and beauty to the scene, and hearty congratulations testified the good wishes of many friends for the happiness of the newly-married pair. But the hours waned rapidly, and the time for retiring came at last. The bride was led by laughing bridesmaids up to her chamber door. But imagine their surprise when it was opened by a lady richly and elegantly clad in a travelling suit, and evidently waiting for an interview. "I beg pardon, madam; but you appear astonished," said the strange lady. "I must confess I did not expect to see anyone here," replied the bride. "No, madam; I came in very privately, and wished an interview, subject to no interruption. It did not occur to the bride to inquire by whom she had been introduced, or by what means she had gained access to her apartment. "It is very strange, madam, and I can't imagine why you wish to speak to me?" "The reason is simple. The man you have just married has imposed upon you. I am his wife." "Oh! impossible—you rave!" and the lady sank into a chair almost fainting. Of course the bridesmaids screamed. Such a succession of shrieks one has rarely heard. It speedily brought the family to the door with terror-stricken faces, and with them the bridegroom, all asking with trembling lips, "What in the world is the matter?" "Oh, Edward!" cried the bride; "this person says she is your wife!" "My wife!" cried the astonished husband; "why she is insane." The strange lady stood up, calm, and unruffled. "Is it possible, sir, that, having perpetrated this great wickedness, you will have the hardihood to deny that I am your lawfully wedded wife?" she asked, looking the sorely troubled Edward full in the face. "Why, confound you, woman, I never saw you before in my life!" exclaimed the astonished man. The lady regarded him very much as a minister would a person given over to total depravity. "Oh Edward, I'm afraid it's true; and I loved you so!" sobbed the young wife; "how could you have treated me so." "I tell you I haven't got any wife but you; this woman is an impostor." The strange lady uttered a low, mocking laugh. The scene was getting interesting to the last degree. The ladies were all crying, and the father of the bride looking stern and indignant. He had been for some time intently regarding the strange lady, when suddenly his eyes lighted up, and an amused smile played on his lips. He took a step forward, and, laying his hand on the shoulder of the stranger, said, "Come, John, this is very cleverly played, but it's time it was over," and following the impulse of his arm, the stranger was pushed into the hall. "John—who—what?" all exclaimed at once. It was the bride's younger brother, a wicked boy who had played a naughty prank, with the aid of his sister's travelling suit, and her cast chignon and curls. It is scarcely necessary to remark that harmony was restored.

Velocipedes.

(From a "Josh Billings" Point of View.)

The velocipede is a wise instrumentality, with two wheels, placed consecutively, one wheel behind the other, and the other wheel behind the first one. They revolve on their axis, similar to the world, from east to west, and have already reached the shores of the Atlantic, German, and Pacific oceans. They are as easy to ride as an old grind-stone. They will undoubtedly do away with the use of steam, and in fifty years from now will be the only means of locomotion known to man. The ladies will use them just as sane as they can settle the question in what manner they shall occupy them. Just now there is a dispute whether they shall occupy both sides of the velocipede at once, or whether they shall remain on one side or them at once, similar to the ancient custom of occupying the noble animal, the horse. It is now hoped this matter will be laid before the "Wimmin's Right Committee," and that nothing of a one-sided nature should be allowed to hinder a woman from filling her destiny. I believe in throwing everything wide open to a fair competition between the two sexes, velocipeds as well as medicine, and may the best win. It might look a little odd (for the first day or two) to see the ladies divided by a velocipede, but, in the grate advance of prices and morals which are now at work in the world, nobody but a phool or a foggy would object to it—if we are ever to reach perfection in this world, we have all of us got to have a fair chance, at both sides of things. I have examined the scientific principles of the velocipede, and find that it is just as simple as bread and milk. The rotary cohesiveness which exists in all circumlocutory gravitations, acting in conjunction with the simple law of attraction, preserves the motion of the velocipede with its proper and natural revolution. Nothing can be more simple and yet more beautiful than this law in science: the philosophers are as well acquainted with it as they are with the 10 Commandments, and pray better. There is one improvement in the velocipede which I am anxiously looking forward to, and that is, for them to stand till you mount them. Nothing is more annoying than a habit they have got into of lying down on their sides if you undertake to endorse one of them standing still. I have seen the noble animal, the horse, when he wanted to get rid of his rider, lay down sideways and roll over, and kick up his heels. This is a trick which the velocipede has stole from the horse without giving him any credit for it. If my memory serves me right, the motion of the velocipede is purely a krank motion, similar to the grind-stone or the tread-mill, and is produced the same way in which the scissor-grinder stirs up his machine. I have thought if the pioneer wheel of the velocipede could be made out of white-stones, it might be used while in progress, for sharpening razors and carving knives, and thus become a means of grace as well as beauty, but this would take the poetry all out of it, and degrade it down to the level of usefulness. If you want to take the starch out of a novelty, just set it to work at something useful, and it becomes inelegant at once. The motion of the velocipede is produced by the akshum or the legs—or rather, the pedal extremities; the word legs is altogether too common for any man to use, who ever expects to be known an M.P., or to be cant in the society of refined people. This fact is sufficiently explained in the Latin skollar, who understands that velocipeds is manufactured out of two foreign words, "velox" and "pedos," which politely means "pedal swift-ness." If a man don't understand Latin now-a-days, he can't hardly enjoy the conversation of a bod-carrier. The velocipede is not a modern discovery; long before the days of Adam and Eve, they was in use. The heathen gods had them, with one wheel to them, and history tells of a grate expert, one Ixion, who got onto the side of one of them, and travelled all over the Olympian country. I have seen them myself with only one wheel on them; these had two handles, which protruded out behind, and were propelled by a shove motion. These were first discovered in Ireland, and I think are called "wheelbarrows," or something that sounds like that. This is all I no about the velocipede.

West Queen-street, Auckland (says the *Morning Advertiser* of January 4), was the scene of a decided row yesterday between an Amazonian wife and a patient, long-suffering husband. The wife was evidently born to command, and the husband to obey. She hit out in true scientific style, and he resignedly took punishment. Heads were thrust out of doors and windows, and an admiring crowd soon assembled. At length the husband travelled—the crowd cheered—the Amazonian yelled, and with her back hair all down, gave determined chase. The last seen of her was the fluttering of her rather dusty garments as she turned the corner into Albert-street.

The sentence of the man Smyth, who was lately convicted of the murder of his wife, at Lyttelton, and sentenced to death, has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

An Old Newspaper.

A copy of the *Times* newspaper bearing date October 3, 1793 (says the *Evening Mail*) has lately been presented to the Nelson Museum by W. L. Wrey, Esq. The paper, which contains Admiral Nelson's despatch giving an account of the battle of the Nile, is about the size of this journal, and it is difficult to realize that from that small sheet has sprung the gigantic *Times* of the present day. A few extracts from this paper of 71 years ago may prove interesting to some of our readers; we have therefore selected the following:—

The news of Nelson's victory had reached London on the former evening, and the *Times* says:—"A person last night in the gallery of Drury Lane House calling frequently in a boisterous manner for the tune of 'Britons strike home,' was immediately silenced by the appropriate observation of another at some distance from him, 'Why, d—n it, they have, haven't they?'"

Speaking of what was in those days a feat well worth recording, it says that "Mrs Siddons has performed the hitherto unprecedented feat of acting in Bath, Brighton, and London within the incredibly short space of 95 hours."

Englishmen of those days largely patronised out-door games, and we find certain sports that were to take place in Dorsetshire, in celebration of the Duchess of Wurttemberg's birthday, announced in the following quaint terms:—"All persons of friendly, loyal, and jovial dispositions are invited to be present at, and partake of, the undermentioned country sports, which are intended, if the weather is fine, to be exhibited at Maiden Castle, near Dorchester:—

To be played for at Cricket, a Round of Beef. Each man of the winning set to have a ribband.

A Cheese to be rolled down the Hill.—Prize to whoever stops it.

A pound of Tobacco to be Grinned for. A Barrel of Beer to be rolled down the Hill.—Prize to whoever stops it.

A Michaelmas Day Goose to be Divided for.

A good Hat to be endgelled for. Half-a-Guinea for the best Ass in three heats.

A handsome Hat for the Boy most expert in catching a Roll dipped in Treacle and suspended by a string.

A Leg of Mutton and a Gallon of Porter to the winner of a race of 100 yards in Sacks.

A good Hat to be Wrestled for. Half-a-Guinea to the rider of the Ass who wins the best of three heats by coming in last.

Prize to whoever catches a pig by the tail.

"Very good reports have been received from Berlin," states the *Inglewood Advertiser*, "many of the claims turning out exceedingly well in the different gullies and flats, especially those in Catto's paddock, held by Chinamen. On Monday, one party of Chinamen in this paddock got a 16lb weight nugget; another party on Tuesday got a 40lb weight nugget, and on Wednesday another party got a piece weighing 80ozs. Besides these, two smaller nuggets are reported, one weighing 38ozs, got on Lingham's Flat, and another weighing 18ozs, got at Tyler's. Since the above was in type another large nugget has just arrived in Inglewood, from John's paddock, Berlin, weighing over 20lbs."

STAMP DUTIES.

The following instruments may be stamped with adhesive stamps as heretofore:—Agreements under hand only, agreements comprised in letters, bills of lading, cheques on banks or bankers, drafts or orders for the payment of money when liable to the duty of one duty of one penny only, policies of insurance, and receipts for money paid.

CROMWELL POST-OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

The following are the regulations regarding the management of the above-named institution, and which are also applicable to all the other Post-office Savings Banks in the Colony:—

1. Interest at 5 per cent. per annum is given on sums less than £200; at 4 per cent. on sums over £200 and not exceeding £500; and in the same proportion for any shorter time on every complete £1 deposited. No interest is allowed on more than £500.

2. Depositors in Post-office Savings Banks have direct Government Security for the prompt repayment of their money.

3. A depositor in any Post-office Bank can continue his deposits at any other, and can withdraw his money at that most convenient to him.

4. The strictest secrecy is observed with respect to the names of the depositors, and amounts of their deposits.

5. Married women may deposit money in Post-office Savings Banks, and money so deposited will be repaid to the depositor, unless her husband gives notice, in writ of, of marriage, and claims payment of deposits.

6. Money may be deposited by or on behalf of minors. Deposits over seven years of age are treated as persons of full age, but minors under seven years of age cannot withdraw their deposits until they have reached the age of seven.

7. Applications to the chief office in each Province on the business of Post-office Savings Banks, and the replies sent thereon, are free from charge for postage.

Cromwell Post Office.

MAILS CLOSE:

For Clyde, Dunedin, and intervening offices, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 3 p.m.
 For Dunedin, via Teviot, Tuapeka, and Tokomairiro, every Tuesday, at 3 p.m.
 For Kawarau Gorge, Edwards's, Gibbstown, Arrow River, Frankton, and Queenstown, every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 9 p.m.
 For Rocky Point, Luggat, Albert Town, and Cardrona, every Tuesday, at 9 p.m.
 For Bannockburn and Nevis, every alternate Monday, at 9 a.m.

MAILS ARRIVE:

From Dunedin, Clyde, and intervening offices, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 8 a.m.
 From Dunedin, via Tokomairiro, Tuapeka, and Teviot, every Friday, at 9 a.m.
 From Queenstown, Frankton, Arrow River, Edwards's, Gibbstown, and Kawarau Gorge, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3 p.m.
 From Cardrona, Albert Town, Luggat, and Rocky Point, every Thursday, at 3 p.m.
 From Nevis and Bannockburn, every alternate Wednesday, at 3 p.m.

SAVINGS BANK AND MONEY ORDER OFFICE.
 Open for the transaction of Money Order and Savings Bank business daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TELEGRAPH NOTICE.

The Telegraph Office is open to the public on week days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sundays from 10 to 10:30 a.m., and from 5 to 5:30 p.m., New Zealand mean time.

J. REEKIE, Postmaster.

COMMERCIAL.

ARGUS OFFICE.

Tuesday afternoon.

We have little to report this week, business being, as is usually the case about this time, quiet. Several wagon-loads of wool from Wakanaka and Kawarau Stations passed through Cromwell during the week. The farmers are busy getting in their crops, and the weather has been extremely favourable for the work. The demand from the outlying districts for general goods has been limited; but we understand that there has been a good deal of Robertson and Hallenstein's Wakatipu flour disposed of throughout the district.

Quotations are as follow:—

Flour (Robertson & Hallenstein's).—£13 to £19 per ton.
 Pollard, do. do., £13 per ton.
 Bran, do. do., £9 per ton.
 Oats.—6s per bushel.
 Wheat.—7s per bushel.
 Chaff.—£7 per ton.
 Hay.—£9 " "
 Straw.—£7 " "
 Potatoes.—£8 " "
 Broad.—1s per 4lb loaf.
 Butter.—2s per lb.
 Cheese.—1s 6d " "
 Bacon.—1s 6d " "
 Ham.—1s 8d " "
 Eggs.—2s per dozen.
 Kerosene.—4s 9d per gallon.
 Candles.—1s 3d per lb.
 Mutton.—4d to 6d
 Beef.—7d and 8d

Cartage from Dunedin.—£7 10s.

MARRIAGE.

At Cromwell, on the 15th inst., by the Registrar, Mr W. SMITH, Bendigo Gully, to EMILY TUDOR, late of Bexley, Kent, England.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1870.

A meeting was held in the Town-hall on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., with the view of forming a committee of management for the proposed Athenaeum Hall. The following gentlemen were chosen to act on the committee, viz., Dr Corrie, Messrs Taylor, Baird, Whetter, Fenwick, Preshaw, Weaver, Wright, Frazer, Shanly, and Pierce. Mr B. R. Baird was elected chairman of the committee, Mr Whetter vice-chairman, and Mr Fenwick secretary and treasurer. It was agreed that the funds should be lodged in the Bank of New South Wales, and that all cheques shall be signed by the chairman and secretary. It was then arranged that a second musical entertainment should be given at a future date in aid of the funds for the Hall—a portion of the programme to consist of a negro minstrel's performance. The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday evening, the 2nd proximo.

The amount of gold sent down from Cromwell by the Escort on Monday was 529ozs.

The Cromwell School was opened on Monday, for the first time since the Christmas holidays. The attendance of children was very good. We understand that the progress made by the children under Mr Mackellar's tuition during the past year was very satisfactory; but we would strongly recommend parents to see that their children are regular and punctual in their attendance, so that the teacher may have a fair chance of bringing them on, which he cannot reasonably be expected to do if the pupils stay away from school a great part of their time.

A seventh share in the Aurora Company's claim change hands last week for £1000.—Mr William Barclay having sold his interest to Mr John Sherrwood, of Clyde.

"A Farmer" at the Arrow River requests us to state that the harvest in that district is just about to commence. He says "the crop is great, but the labourers are few," and says the men would be gladly employed at a fair rate in that locality.

A meeting of the Cromwell Jockey Club is convened by advertisement for Friday evening next, at 8 o'clock, in the Town Hall.

The erection of the Aurora Company's water-wheel and battery at Bendigo is expected to be completed by Monday next, and we understand the shareholders intend giving a free luncheon to their friends on the occasion of christening the wheel, which interesting ceremony is to take place on the following day (Tuesday). There is to be a grand ball on the same evening at the Provincial Hotel, Logantown, recently opened by Mr Perriam.

The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of St. Patrick's church, Cromwell, was performed on Sunday last by the Rev. James A. Norris, priest of the parish, who preached an eloquent and impressive sermon on the occasion. The usual parchment record, and a number of current coins, together with copies of several Provincial newspapers, were duly deposited in a cavity beneath the stone. Mr W. J. Barry was requested to lower the stone into its place which he did; and the ceremony was thus concluded. Contributions in aid of the funds of the Church were then invited, and a large sum was laid on the foundation-stone by the Catholics present. Service was performed morning and evening by Father Norris in the school-house.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held in the Chamber on Tuesday, 18th inst. The Mayor, and Crs. Badger, Dagg, and Dawkins. Mr W. J. Barry applied for and obtained a lease for eleven years of a portion of municipal reserve adjacent to Mr Goodger's premises, containing 35 feet frontage to Melbourne-street, at an annual rental of 6s. 8d. per foot. An application for a frontage on the same side of the street was also made by Mr Weaver, and the Town Clerk was directed to write to the applicant requesting him to furnish the Council with a description of the building proposed to be erected by him. Mr H. Manders' application for section 12, block 4, municipal reserve, was referred to the Public Works Committee. An account of £5 from Messrs Escott and Brook, for repairing water-race, was ordered to be paid. The Council then adjourned till next evening (Wednesday), when the business done consisted in passing a resolution to the effect that a letter be written to the Colonial Secretary, urging the necessity that exists for the immediate erection of a new Court-house.—Another special meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th, for the purpose of considering the assessment-roll prepared by the valuator, Mr Manders. Cr. Badger was in the chair, the other Councillors present being Messrs Dawkins and Dagg. On the motion of Cr. Dagg, seconded by Cr. Dawkins, it was resolved that the assessment-roll, as prepared by the Valuator, be adopted. It was then moved by Cr. Dawkins, and seconded by Cr. Dagg, "that a rate be struck on the assessment for the year ending 31st July 1870, at one shilling in the pound." This was agreed to, and the Council then adjourned.

At a meeting of members of the Masonic Order, held at Bro. Smitham's hotel on Wednesday evening last, January 19, V. Pyke, Esq., P.G.M., in the chair, it was resolved to start a lodge, under the Scottish Constitution, to be called the "Cromwell Kilwinning Lodge," and a requisition applying for a dispensation was duly signed. Bro. M. Frazer was elected first Right Worshipful Master. Bro. Smitham's offer of a suitable lodge-room was accepted. A vote of thanks to Bro. Pyke for presiding was unanimously carried, and the meeting closed.—We understand that the dispensation may be expected to be sent up from Dunedin at once, when immediate steps will be taken to open the lodge.

The amended "Regulations of the Otago Gold-field" were published in a special Gazette, issued on the 14th inst., and are proclaimed to take effect from and after the 11th of the present month.

We perceive that two or three of our leading business men have adopted the early closing movement, by shutting their establishments at 8 p.m. This is a step in the right direction, and we should like to see the other places of business follow suit. Were all the storekeepers to adopt the system of early closing, the business of any particular one would not suffer, and it would afford the employees a little more recreation than they have the chance of getting at present. The movement is deserving the cordial support of the entire public.

A man named Joseph Jones (says the Oamaru Times of the 18th inst.) lost his life at the Macrewhenua, about five miles from the diggings, on Tuesday last, under somewhat peculiar circumstances. It appears that he and a mate named George Baker were proceeding from Hogburn to Oamaru, having left the first-mentioned place on Sunday, the 9th inst. They arrived at George's store the same afternoon, and remained there all Monday. They left on Tuesday morning, following the course of the river, but lost their way, and had to pass the night in the open air. Being short of food, Jones picked a quantity of tutu berries, a portion of which he ate. Subsequently he fell into a fit, and his mate wrapped him in some blankets and went for assistance, following a race which he had found. On returning with assistance Jones was not to be found, but there were traces on the bank of the river of something having rolled down. Search being made, the body was found about two hours afterwards in the river. An enquiry was held on the 14th inst., at which it was certified that deceased had been drowned in the Macrewhenua, while suffering from the effects of the poison of tutu berries.

"Fair Play's" contribution arrived too late for our present issue, but will receive attention next week.

A branch of business is about to be established at Queenstown which, if successfully carried out, will largely benefit not only the Wakatipu, but all the adjacent districts to no inconsiderable extent. The Lake Wakatipu Mail of the 20th inst., says:—"We understand that Messrs Hallenstein and Co., who have already done so much to advance the prosperity of the Wakatipu district, have induced Messrs Surman and Davis to erect a brewing and malting establishment at Queenstown. While it is an industry that will benefit and give employment to woodcutters, boatmen, and farmers, it is especially good news to the latter, who will find a ready market for barley—a cereal for the growth of which our climate and soil are admirably adapted. Hops also are grown on various farms, and those grown by Messrs Humphrey & Douglas seem to thrive well. We have it from good authority that no less than £7000 worth of ale is consumed annually in this and the neighboring districts of Cromwell and Clyde. Mr Surman, who has had great experience in one of the largest breweries in Burton-on-Trent, feels confident that he will be able to produce an article which will find its way through all parts of Otago. We are informed that an extensive plant has been ordered from home, and a large stone brewery and malt-house will be ready for next season. Meanwhile, Messrs Surman and Davis are erecting a temporary brew-house to enable them to supply the wants of the present season. We wish every success to the undertaking."

The Provincial Government Gazette, of Wednesday last, notifies that his Honor the Superintendent has appointed Donald Reid, Esq., to be Provincial Secretary, and George Duncan, Esq., to be Provincial Treasurer, for the Province of Otago.

The same Gazette contains a proclamation cancelling the lease of Crown lands held by Messrs Campbell and Low, in so far as the lands comprised within the area hereinafter described are affected by the said lease (that is to say)—"All that parcel of land in the Province of Otago, containing by admeasurement 2500 acres, more or less, being part of Run 244, and situate in the Tiger Hill Survey District: bounded by a line proceeding from the Manuhirika River at the Flaming, near the Upper Gorge, due south for a distance of 13,600 links; thence due west 21,592 links; thence northerly and easterly along the Manuhirika River 37,000 links to the starting point."

At a meeting of the Waste Land Board, held in Dunedin on the 19th inst., Mr Joseph V. Ross applied, per Driver, M'Lean, and Co., for a sawmill license near the Hawea-Lake, as per sketch. Granted on the usual conditions.—Mr R. T. Wheeler, for Mr M. Malaghan, applied to have the price of section 1, block IX, Queenstown, fixed by the Board under clause 51 of the Gold-fields Act. Referred to the Secretary of Land and Works.

COLCLOUGH'S REEF, BENDIGO.

The subjoined report of operations carried on by the prospectors in Colclough and party's claim since the 10th November, was furnished by Mr F. C. Lyons (one of the shareholders) for the information of the Warden; and a copy of it has been courteously placed at our disposal:—

"We first sank a shaft 27 feet deep, about 100 feet east of where we had got the rich stone on the surface. We only broke down a portion of the reef—about four or five tons—not wishing to raise quartz until our lawsuit was decided; and we are quite satisfied that the stone is payable, having seen gold for the entire depth very evenly distributed through the stone. The reef in this shaft varies in width from one to three feet, and in one place narrows into a vein of three or four inches, but opens out again immediately. We have also sunk a shaft, 18 feet deep, about 200 feet still farther east, and got some rich stone in the reef; but we gave up sinking it any deeper for the present, on account of the extreme hardness of the rock. We next sank a shaft, 45 feet deep, about 40 feet west of the first discovery, and followed the reef from the surface to that depth. In two places the reef pinches into a narrow vein, but, as in the eastern shaft, widens out again. We have not broken all the quartz in this shaft, but in two or three places where we broke down some, we saw gold. We have also commenced a tunnel about 100 feet from our western boundary, in order to strike the reef at about 150 feet below the crown of the hill, and have gone through a body of rubble quartz which we believe to be the cap of the reef, as we can get payable prospects by washing with a dish; and we also found stones with gold visible in them frequently. Within the last few days we have opened along the reef on the surface, and have exposed it for 140 feet in length, and three or four feet deep, but have not as yet broken the stone. There has been some other work done, such as trenching, and sinking a shaft 14 feet in depth off the proper line; but I believe I have already mentioned the most important work that has been done. The underlie of the reef is so trifling that it may be considered perpendicular, except in the eastern shaft, which underlies south about 1 in 8; also in the tunnel it seems to underlie, but when it forms into solid quartz I would expect to see it go perpendicular. I may also mention that it is nearly 100 feet north of the surveyed line, which would make the bearings of the reef as near as possible parallel with the Aurora reef, and, consequently, an entirely distinct reef from any before discovered."

An application by this party for an extended claim is to be heard before the Warden at next sitting of the Court.

CROMWELL R.M.'s COURT.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1870.

(Before VINCENT PYKE, Esq., R.M., and W. H. WHEAT, Esq., J.P.)

Regina v. Beaby.—Information by police charging defendant with disposing of a quantity of jewellery, &c., by lottery, contrary to the ordinance. Mr Beaby pleaded not guilty, and was about to make a statement concerning the facts of the case, when at the Magistrate's suggestion he refrained from addressing the Court until the conclusion of the case. Sergt. Cassells applied for a remand, owing to Inspector Dalgleish (one of the witnesses) being in Dunedin.—Case adjourned till Wednesday, 2nd February.

An application by Michael Shanly for a wholesale license for a store at Logantown was granted. Perriam v. Holly.—Claim of £21 11s 9d for goods supplied. Plaintiff deposed to having served the summons in defendant's house, the defendant, himself having left the district.—Judgment by default for amount claimed, with costs.

Cossar and Smith v. Same, and Shanly v. Same, were also disposed of in a similar manner.

WARDEN'S COURT.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1870.

(Before VINCENT PYKE, Esq., Warden.)

Goodger v. Logan.—Mr Brough, who appeared on behalf of the Company, intimated that an amicable arrangement had been come to by the litigants, and that the case would not in consequence be proceeded with. The Warden said he was exceedingly glad to hear it, and trusted he had heard the last of any dispute between the partners.

Mr Badger, agent for M'Nab and party, applied for protection for claim No. 4 east, on the Richmond line of reef. Mining partnership and protection certificate ordered to be issued.

Mr F. Lyons applied for 60 days further protection for Colclough and party's claim, on the line of reef known as Colclough's. Mr Brough opposed the granting of any further protection, sufficient time having elapsed to prospect the claim. The Warden sustained Mr Brough's objection, and instructed Colclough and party to make application for a prospecting claim, application to be advertised in the local papers. Protection was granted until the hearing of the application.

In re Pyke v. Barry.—Mr Brough, on behalf of defendant, made application to have the judgment in this case set aside. [The judgment affirmed that plaintiff and defendant had a half share each in two claims at Pipeclay and Smith's Gully, and that each should transfer a half share to the other.] It was ultimately understood that the case would come before the Court again.—Barry, plaintiff; Pyke, defendant.

An application for a tail-race in Adams's Gully by Simon Aitchison was granted; as was also an application for a two-acre claim.

Applications for extended claims of two acres by members of the Rise and Shine Company were granted.

An application for certificate of transfer of share in No. 8 east, Bendigo Reef.—C. Colclough to P. Kelly—was granted.

A MELANCHOLY INCIDENT.

After five days of painful suspense and uninterrupted search, the remains of the missing child, the daughter of J. W. Murdoch, Esq., R.M., of Goodwood, were found on Sunday morning last on Goodwood Beach, at a place known as Bobby's Head. At about twenty minutes past 12 o'clock on Monday, the 10th inst., the little girl was last seen alive, and from that time until about the same hour on Sunday last, no traces were discovered of her, and the wildest excitement and apprehension existed, vague rumours of foul play being afloat. The result of the inquiry held on the body on Monday last will, however, set all doubts on this head at rest. So soon as the sad intelligence of the sudden disappearance of the child became known, the settlers and inhabitants of Palmerston, Goodwood, and Waikouaiti, like good Samaritans, repaired to the scene of the mishap, and, day after day, a vigorous search was continued, but without success, and every effort that human ingenuity could devise, or kindness prompt, failed to discover the whereabouts of the poor child. The Goodwood Bush, as far as it was deemed possible the little girl could travel, was carefully searched; and we believe that the place where the body was found did not escape observation. The most reasonable supposition of the cause of the body having been taken to where it was found, is that it was washed there by the sea, the waves at high tide reaching that spot. We believe it is the only place along that part of the coast where all kinds of debris are washed and lodged, to be again carried out by the receding tide. How the child got into the sea remains a mystery, as it was a very bad walker for its age, and could not walk any distance without resting. It is supposed that the poor little thing, who was in the garden at the time her mother went to visit a neighbour, must have strayed away, and having wandered about until she had lost herself, fallen either into the sea or the creek, and had afterwards been washed up to the place where it was found. The distance from where the child was found to the residence of Mr Murdoch is about two miles. The state of preservation in which the child was when found is accounted for by the fact of its being for some time in the water.—The jury, at the inquest, returned a verdict of—"Found dead, within the influence of the tides: no evidence to show cause of death."—Waikouaiti Herald.

DUNEDIN.

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 20, 1870.

Business, the all-absorbing topic in these lucre-making colonies, will be the first theme on which I will touch in this, my first letter to the Argus; though I am sorry to say that the state of business here at present is not a very inspiring subject, or one calculated to raise the spirits of the writer. For a month or two, prior to the end of last year, a decided change for the better took place in the aspect of affairs in Dunedin, and I have not for many a year seen the faces of our business men look so cheerful as they did about last Christmas, in anticipation, I suppose, of the satisfactory show the credit side of their balance sheet would present. Since the New Year, however, a reaction has taken place, and things are duller than ever, and the late floods, with the prospect of a bad harvest, did not tend to make matters any better.

As a result of the bad times, our theatre was closed the other night by the bailiff taking possession, and it, along with the Provincial Hotel is now passing under the hammer. To the regular habitués of the theatre, it must have been a palpable fact lately that it could not, possibly be, paying, and that this state of affairs might have been expected. The company that have so long occupied the house have gone up to Christchurch for a month, pending the re-opening of the theatre. Though none of them stars of the first magnitude, they are a decent lot of people, and taking them on the whole, I never heard that they encroached so much on the good nature of their creditors as most of their profession are guilty of doing, so that they carry with them the good wishes of the inhabitants of Dunedin.

At the last session of the Council the west coast of Otago, in the neighbourhood of Martin's Bay and Preservation Inlet, was opened up for settlement, and free grants of 100 acres of land offered to bona fide settlers over 15 years of age who should occupy the land for ten years, at the end of which time they will of course be entitled to the Crown grant. Two meetings of intending settlers have lately been held under the auspices of Mr Ashcroft, the member for Oamaru, who has also advertised his intention of laying on a vessel, "should sufficient inducement offer." Neither of the meetings were largely attended, nor did the enthusiasm of those present reach fever-heat in anticipation of the brilliant prospect before them in their new El Dorado. It will, I fear, require more than the per oratorical eloquence of the member for Oamaru to counter-balance the evil name that the west coast of Otago has gained for the inclemency of its climate and the ruggedness of its natural features—a name, from what I hear from those who have been there, it does not at all merit. The liberal offer of the Government should, however, induce settlement, which its splendid harbours, reputed mineral wealth, and proximity to the Australian colonies should ultimately make prosperous.

The Presbyterian Synod of Otago closed their annual meeting last night. The report with regard to the Sustentation Fund was not at all satisfactory or soothing to the feelings of those members of the Church who subscribe liberally to it. It appears that though the gross returns of this year show an increase over those of last, through the number of new churches, there are more claims upon it, thus reducing the dividend to something under £200; and as many of the country churches depend almost wholly on this fund for their minister's stipend, his salary is thus actually no more than that of almost any skilled artisan. Of course, it is not to be supposed that this is the case with many of the churches, but it says little for what is supposed to be the wealthiest body in Otago, that they, by their niggardliness, allow any minister of their body to be reduced to such a beggarly pittance. Amongst other matters discussed by the Synod was the question of Psalms v. Hymns, which was settled in favour of the introduction of the latter, although in a great many congregations they will not be introduced.

Three home ships have arrived during the past week, the Ben Miller, from Liverpool, the Queen Bess, from London, with 25 passengers, and the Christina M'Asland, from Glasgow, with 130 passengers. The latter is a new vessel added to the now splendid fleet of Messrs T. Henderson and Co., and made the quick passage of 79 days.

The cry for Immigration is again being

pretty freely responded to, and the labour market must be getting well stocked. At present, owing to the shearing and harvesting operations going on, there are few men unemployed, and I believe most of the late arrivals have been already engaged.

A remarkable instance of the shifts to which a member of the liberal professions may be put in Otago appears in this morning's paper. A person who had practised as a surgeon, and who holds a diploma from the Glasgow College of Physicians, had, I suppose as a *dernier resort*, engaged himself to Hay Bros, tailors, as a "cutter." As to whether he be skilled or no in cutting deceased "humans" there was no evidence, but that he had mistaken his vocation as a cutter of garments the magistrate was of opinion, as well as the tailors, and gave them a verdict, leaving the poor surgeon without his £16 for his month's cutting.

Spiritualism is finding its way amongst us. Regular *seances* are, I believe, held, and communication established with the spirit world through the medium of some Dunedin lady or ladies, who found herself or themselves endowed with the remarkable faculty of "calling up spirits from the vasty deep."

Mr Wilson, of the firm of Wilson and Birch, has been elected to represent Leith Ward in the Municipal Corporation without opposition.

The City Police Court, presided over by the Mayor, Mr Birch, has become a regular institution now, and relieves the Resident Magistrate (much to his comfort, I should think) of all the charges of drunkenness and vagrancy, so many of which require to be decided here. I have not heard whether or not the city is to pocket the fees and fines, the dispute about which was the cause of the Mayor's Court being abolished in Mr Mason's time.

CARDRONA.

(From our Own Correspondent.)
January 19, 1870.

I am in a position to give a few more particulars regarding the fatal accident which occurred on Lake Wanaka last week. It appears that Smith went in a boat with two men named Bayne and Keating, to board Mr Charles Hedditch's cutter, which was moored in a bay at the head of the lake. On their return to the beach, close to the mouth of the Mararora river, a large wave struck and capsized the boat. Poor Smith could not swim, and was drowned before any assistance could be rendered to him. Bayne and Keating had a narrow escape, as they had to swim to the cutter, a distance of a mile, in a very rough sea. Constable Fleming, of this place, has been away for the last four days, searching for the body, assisted by Messrs Hedditch, Bayne, Keating, Shrimpton, Cripson, Bready, and Brown; but I am sorry to say no trace has been seen of the body. I have been informed that this part of the lake abounds with eels, so that the chances are against finding the body.

John Chinaman has been teaching one of our storekeepers how to make gold. Mr Robert Patterson bought between four and five ounces of, to all appearance, nice, shotty gold from a Chinaman, last week. Mr Patterson has had great experience in buying gold, and suspected at the time that the gold was not all right, as it weighed light for the quantity, but still he paid John the full price. He kept the parcel separate, examined it the following day, and found it to contain a large quantity of base metal. The imitation is extremely good—very few could detect the fraud by the eye.

The School Committee held a meeting at Keppel's Hotel, this evening, there being present Messrs Patterson (in the chair) Austin, Torrie, McGrath, Fleming, Callaghan, Gibson, and Pearce. Several applications for the office of schoolmaster were received, and, on the motion of Mr Austin, seconded by Mr Torrie, it was agreed that Mr George Sydney Pope's application should be accepted, and that he should be instructed to commence his duties on the 1st of February. A motion to the effect that Mr Swyer be asked to make two desks and forms, was carried unanimously. The hon. secretary was instructed to write to the Education Board for books, slates, and maps. It was also agreed that the Warden (R. Beetham, Esq.) be requested to give his certificate, so that the Government may at once pay to the treasurer the sum of £75, for the purchase of the school-house. This concluded the business, and, after a vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting adjourned.

QUEENSTOWN.

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 24, 1870.

There is little of any interest to chronicle from this district. People have recovered from the excitement occasioned by the late race meeting, and are settling down, with renewed energy, to the ordinary business of every-day life. I am inclined to question the policy or good sense of having the races so close upon the New Year's holidays, and think it would be much better to have them either in conjunction with the Christmas holidays, or allow at least two months to elapse between them. However fond people may be of some relief from business, it is quite possible to have "too much of a good thing," and I fancy the majority of the people of the Wakatipu have lately experienced this truism.

Harvesting operations were commenced here last week, and are being carried out with vigour. The weather is most favourable for getting in crops, and farmers are making the most of the opportunity. The wheat crop is a magnificent one, and is expected to average at least 40 bushels to the acre. The oats are not so good, but still a plentiful yield is expected. Some farmers complain of having a good deal of "smut" in the oat crops, which may be partly accounted for by the seed having been split during the operation of threshing by machinery.

Mr and Mrs Sutherland, late master and mistress of the school at Hamilton, have been appointed to the district school, Queenstown, and will probably commence their duties in the course of a week or two. Mr D. M. Scott, late schoolmaster at this place, has, I hear, received the appointment of master to the side school at Mace-town (12-mile, Arrow).

The Rev. C. S. Ross, of Alexandra, preached at Frankton and Queenstown yesterday, in the absence of the Rev. D. Ross, who has been attending the Presbyterian Synod. He is expected back in the course of this week. While on matters clerical, I may state that the remarks in your last issue regarding the Rev. Mr Drake's retention in the Cromwell district found a warm response in this town, where the rev. gentleman was highly thought of during his stay amongst us.

After giving two performances during the races—one for the benefit of the Wakatipu Jockey Club, and one for the benefit of the School funds—the Queenstown Amateur Dramatic Club has come to an end. Last Friday, at a meeting of the members of the Club, it was carried—"That this Club be dissolved." Although this body has been in existence little over six months, it has contributed sums representing over £100 to the various charities and public bodies in the district. It is very much to be regretted that a club in which the gentlemen taking an active part therein devoted much time, trouble, and expense to the public good should be allowed to come to an end through want of support from the people. I am told that when the play was for any outside object, the house was invariably well filled, but that when the Club gave a performance to defray unavoidable expenses, the attendance barely paid the cost of getting up the night's entertainment. Hence the breaking up of a Society which has afforded many nights' enjoyment during its existence, and the absence of which none will regret more than those who discouraged the enterprising amateurs. I believe that after paying all debts due by the Club a sum of about £15 will remain to be given to the respective objects for which the last performances were got up.

CANTERBURY RACES.

The above races came off at Christchurch on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 18th, 19th, and 20th instant. The results of all three days' racing we append:—

TUESDAY.

MAIDEN PLATE.—Kaspar, 1; Foretop, 2.
LOTTERY PLATE.—Mr Redwood's Economy, 1; Atlanta, 2; Arndel, 3.

CANTERBURY CUP.—Knottingley, 1; Flying Jib, 2; Southern Chief, 3. There were only three acceptances for this race.

FREE HANDICAP.—Miss Flat, 1; Lyndon, 2; Mousetrap, 3.
All the events were won hands down.

WEDNESDAY.

HURDLE RACE.—Don Pedro, 1; Star of the South, 2; Centurion, 3.

DERBY STAKES.—Malabar, 1; Waterwitch, 2.
JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP.—Knottingley, 1; Magenta, 2; Foretop, 3.

CRITERION STAKES.—Atlanta, 1; Economy, 2; Flying Jib, 3.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP.—A dead heat between Miss Flat and Wild Boy. Mr Delamain was declared to win on the former. Lyndon came in a capital third.

THURSDAY.

CHRISTCHURCH PLATE.—Knottingley, 1; Peeros, 2; Atlanta, 3.

RAILWAY STAKES.—Lyndon, 1; a dead heat between Miss Flat and Economy for second place.

METROPOLITAN HANDICAP.—Peeros, 1; Foretop, 2; Atlas, 3.

SELLING RACE.—Misfortune, 1; Madras, 2; Wild Boy, 3.

CONSOLATION STAKES.—Wild Boy, 1.

OUR NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS.

The following interesting description of a portion of the Otago Gold-Fields is from the pen of the travelling correspondent of the *Otago and Southland Mining Journal*, and appeared in that paper on Saturday last:—

"I have journeyed, and noted many things on my journey, some of which I shall set down here—other some I shall keep for another occasion. Travelling northwards from Dunedin, I noted in my mind sundry places which a gold-fields correspondent ought to see, and then I drew a mental map of the gold-fields, commencing at Palmerston, and going inland to Lake Wakatipu, and running along the Kakani Range to the Waitaki, and then along the Waitaki and its tributaries to Lake Wanaka. Most of this country I travelled over, and although I shall not preserve the same order in relating as I took in seeing, I shall tell you what I saw, heard, and thought while pursuing my investigations.

"But, first of all, let me say that the prevailing impression on my mind is one of wonder that auriferous resources so great as ours evidently are, do not attract a larger population. As regards the geological features of the country, from within a few miles of the coast it is everywhere schistose, interspersed in a greater or less degree with quartz-veins. Gold is found to exist on the beach at Moeraki, and along as far as Oamaru, where from a small lagoon, open at high tide to the sea, I saw some sand taken full of small garnets, and when washed on a shovel, a residuum of black sand, containing a large number of exceedingly fine specks of gold, was produced. This, coupled with some other indications, leads me to believe that there may be a certain quantity of gold mixed up with the volcanic rocks which abound at this part of the coast, though it is scarcely likely to be payable. The country at the back for some miles inland, and forming the fine agricultural area known as the Oamaru district, consists of alluvial soil interspersed with beds of basalt and limestone, revealing an old sea bottom, and about fourteen miles inland the schist rock crops out. From this point, near the Kakani, to the present workings at Macrewhenua, is about 16 miles; and hills of 'made ground,' consisting to a large extent of quartz gravel and cement, rest on a substratum of schist rock.

"I cannot say much about the Macrewhenua goldfield at present. A few have got a living there, and very sanguine expectations are entertained, from the prospects got, that when the large water races are in, very good results will be obtained from sluicing the hills. Certainly appearances favor this view, but time alone can show. About 160 people are located within a radius of ten miles. There is plenty of water, but it runs chiefly in rock-bound gorges, which renders it expensive work to get it on to the auriferous ground. From Macrewhenua to the Awakino—the boundary of the new goldfield, some twenty miles—very little has been done as yet. Some very heavy gold has been got in patches at the Kurow, but nothing to pay more than small wages, although from what I saw of the country at the back, I should judge very favourably of the prospects. Quartz reefs exist in abundance, but as yet I believe no gold has been found in them.

"I see no reason why the whole valley of the Waitaki should not prove to be auriferous. It has all the features of a gold-bearing country, and in the alluvial drifts left by a receding chain of lakes along its upper course, I feel certain there are places which would reward the skill of the miner. The existence of gold in the beaches of the river has been proved, but no systematic mining has been carried on. The same remarks apply to the large tract of country between Oamaru and the Lindis Pass—a plain bounded with low 'made' hills. In the narrower part of the valley, just at the foot of the pass, veins of quartz crop out on the hill side, but so far as I saw, without auriferous indications. Among the best indications, however, that I saw anywhere were those on the Lindis River, along whose banks a large amount of drift, similar to that on the banks of the Molyneux, was exposed; and, although somewhat circumscribed in extent, owing to the close proximity of the hills, there seemed to me to be ample to justify the bringing of a race from the upper part of the river gorge along the side of the river at as high an elevation as the full, which seemed considerable, would allow. I am certain no man need want work which would pay fair wages, while so large an extent of ground with more or less gold in it, exists in such close proximity to the needful element of water. But here I travelled nearly eighty miles, and never saw one digger at work, though I saw numbers of men seeking work, or professing to seek it, at the different stations, and some of them told me they had earned nothing for months, having neither tools, nor money to buy them. Of course, even gold digging requires tools, and so the ground re-

mains unworked, while men go about idle. Surely there is something wrong here. Is it one of the necessary accompaniments of gold-digging that able-bodied men should go about earning nothing, and, I am afraid, even worse than that, not caring to earn, so long as they can get 'drink enough,' and eke out a bare subsistence by looking about from station to station? I should be sorry to be sovereign on hard-working men who sometimes, like everyone else, get hard up, but it should be known, at all events, that men can get a living if they only like to work, and I believe that is the case over a large area in this province.

"In my next I shall give some account of my visit to Bendigo Gully and Cromwell, the future centre, as I believe, of our mining districts."

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At all parts of the Reef.

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Notice is hereby given that the FULL COMPLEMENT OF HANDS being employed on the above Company's Works, at Bendigo Gully, EMPLOYMENT CANNOT BE FOUND FOR ANY MORE APPLICANTS.

THOS. LOGAN, Manager.

Bendigo, Jan. 24, 1870.

AURORA QUARTZ MINING CO., BENDIGO GULLY.

ALL ACCOUNTS up to the 17th day of January 1870, against the above Company, must be sent in for settlement to Mr JOHN FERRIAM, Lowburn, by the 1st day of February 1870. All accounts after that date to be rendered monthly.

COLCLOUGH'S REEF, BENDIGO.

Notice is hereby given, that application will be made for a Grant of Ground to the extent of 1200 by 200 feet, as a PROSPECTING CLAIM for this Reef.

The discovery was recorded, according to Part III. of the Mining Regulations, in the Warden's Office, on the 2nd November 1869; and the date of hearing this application has been fixed by Mr Warden PEEK for the 2nd February 1870.

Dated at Cromwell, this 19th day of January 1870.

H. MANDERS, C. COLCLOUGH.
Agent for F. LYONS.
F. GORMAN.

WANTED, a competent BAKER, who would be willing to make himself generally useful. Also, a GENERAL SERVANT. Apply at the BANNOCKBURN HOTEL, or at the CROMWELL ARGUS Office.

CROMWELL JOCKEY CLUB.

A MEETING of the COMMITTEE will take place in the Town Hall on FRIDAY, 28th inst., at 8 p.m. Business important.

GEO. JENOUR, Secretary.

WANTED, a JOURNEYMAN BAKER, for Logantown, Bendigo. Must be a good steady hand.

Apply to Messrs COSSAR & SMITH, Cromwell; or J. STEVENSON, Logantown.

£5 REWARD will be paid for such information as will lead to the conviction of any person riding my Bay Mare, now running on the Cromwell Flat. The mare is branded C on near shoulder, and has a white mark on near hind fetlock.

W. TALBOYS.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

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Selected Poetry.

NOW.

Rise! for the day is passing,
And you lie dreaming on;
The others have buckled their armour,
And forth to the fight are gone.
A place in the ranks awaits you—
Each man has a part to play;
The Past and the Future are nothing
In the face of stern To-day.

Rise from your dreams of the Future:
Of gaining some hard-fought field—
Of storming some airy fortress—
Of bidding some giant yield;
Your Future has deeds of glory,
Of honor (God grant it may!),
But your arm will never be stronger,
Or the needs so great as To-day.

Rise if the Past detains you,
Her sunshine and storms forget;
No chains so unworthy to hold you
As those of a vain regret:
Sad or bright, she is lifeless ever—
Cast her phantom arms away,
Nor look back, save to learn the lesson
Of a nobler strife To-day.

Rise! for the day is passing;
The sound that you scarcely hear
Is the enemy marching to battle—
Arise! for the foe is here!
Stay not to sharpen your weapons,
Or the hour will strike at last
When, from dreams of a coming battle,
You may wake to find it past!

Wit and Humour.

Blushes, like little girls, become women.
Carpets are purchased by the yard, but worn
By the foot.

A hospital for women who have become dis-
gusted with their husbands, is about to be
established in Cleveland.

"I live by my pen," said an editor, wishing
to impress a young lady. "You look as if you
lived in one," was the reply.

"Did you ever shave before?" said a gentle-
man to a rough barber. "Oh, yes sah."—"Did
the man live?"

"Bedad," said an Irishman, "if a Yankee
were cast away on a barren island, he'd begin
sellin' maps to the inhabitants."

An opened letter at the dead letter office
read as follows—"Seven years is rather long
to wait for a gal; but I'll wait for you yet. Kate."

A Shrewd Answer.—Lady (at Sunday school):
"And what do you understand by 'the pomps
and vanities of this wicked world?'" Head of
the class: "The flowers in your bonnet!"

At a total eclipse of the sun, a coloured in-
dividual becoming excited, exclaimed, "Bress de
Lord—niggers' time hab come at last, and now
we're gwine to hab a black sun!"

"Now, my little boys and girls," said a
teacher, I want you to be very still—so still that
you can hear a pin drop." In a minute, all was
silent, when a little boy shrieked, "Let her
drop!"

A boy having complained to his father that
Bill had thrown the Bible at him and hit him
on the head, the father replied, "Well, you are
the only member of the family on whom the
Bible ever made any impression."

Some Indian tribes have the beautiful super-
stition that a bird loosed on the grave of their
beloved will fly away to the spirit-land, and
never close its wings until it has delivered its
precious burden of affection to the departed.

A droll answer is said to have been given lately
in an examination at Cambridge. The candidate
being asked who Wycliffe was, and doubtless
having heard him called "the morning star of
the Reformation," and that he died Vicar of
Lutterworth, answered that the great reformer
"was for some time editor of the *Morning Star*,
and died Vicar of Wakefield."

Strawberries.—Josh Billings, in an article on
strawberries, says:—"Cherries is good, but
they are few much like sucking a marble with a
handle to it. Peaches is good, if u don't get
enny uv the pin feathers intew yure lips. Water-
melons will sate ennybody who iz satisfied with
half-sweetened drink; but the man who kan
eat strawberries, besprinkled with crushed sugar
and bespatted with kream (at somebody else's
expense), and not lay his hand on his stummik
and thank the author uv strawberries and stum-
mik, and the fellow who pays for the straw-
berries, is a man whuz mouth tastes like a hole
in the ground, and don't care what goes down
it."

Hard on the Fathers.—Mistakes will happen,
but a little presence of mind and a good deal of
audacity will sometimes get a person out of a
very awkward position. A London paper tells
the following anecdote in point:—Two youths
were speaking to each other in a crowded ball-
room. "Oh, look at that old man," said X:
"what a ridiculous head he has got."—"I beg
pardon: it happens to be my father," says Y.
Replies X: "Indeed, that is your most re-
spected father? Well, could you see mine, it is
quite another affair—he is twenty times more
ridiculous!" The two laughed, shook hands,
and understood each other perfectly.

Translations with a Vengeance.—Never was
the French better translated into plain Saxon
than in the story which is told of an old-fash-
ioned pair, who received a card of invitation to
dinner from some much gayer folks than them-
selves. At the bottom of the card was the then
new "R.S.V.P." (*Repondez s'il vous plait*—
answer, if you please). This puzzled the worthy
couple, and it might puzzle us in these days,
although most of us are a little better acquainted
with the French. The old gentleman took a
nap on it, from which he was awakened by his
helpmate, who, after shaking him up, said, "My
love, I have found it out. R.S.V.P. means
'Remember, six very-punctual!'"

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Wines and Spirits of the best description.

STABLING.

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GOOD STABLING. Three Loose Boxes, second
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BILLIARDS.

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First-rate Stabling: good Oaten Hay.

HORSES FOR HIRE.

QUEEN'S ARMS HOTEL,

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Private Rooms for Families.

SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

A large and commodious STABLE, capable
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in Dunedin. An experienced groom in attendance.

Booking Office for Cobb & Co.'s line of Coaches.

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,

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QUEENSTOWN.

W. M'LARN PROPRIETOR.

The above Hotel continues to keep up its repu-
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FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

The only paddock accommodation in the district.

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Every description of SAWN TIMBER con-
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The best accommodation for Travellers.

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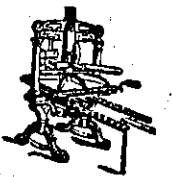
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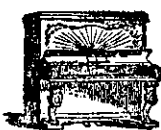
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